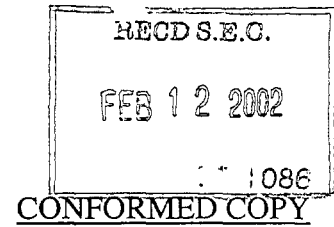


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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 6-K**

**REPORT OF FOREIGN ISSUER**

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For February 6, 2002

MetroGas Inc.  
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

**MetroGas S.A.**  
**Avenida Montes de Oca 1120**  
**(1271) Buenos Aires, Argentina**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**PROCESSED**

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FINANCIAL**

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of  
Form 20-F or Form 40-F:

Form 20-F X Form 40-F   

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this  
Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to  
Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934:

Yes    No X

If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with  
Rule 12g3-2(b):

## SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

METROGAS S.A.

Dated: February 11, 2002

By: /s/ Luis A. Domenech  
Name: Luis A. Domenech  
Title: Administrative and Finance Director

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February 6, 2002

Messrs.  
Buenos Aires Stock Exchange

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MetroGAS is requesting through an Argentine financial entity the relevant authorization from the Argentine Central Bank in order to transfer the funds; however, to date such authorization has not been granted.

Best regards.

MetroGAS S.A.

Magdalena Gonzalez Garaño

Attorney-in-fact

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National Securities Commission

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